

NCOA Executive Director's Insights (May 2020)



I hope you are doing as well as can be expected with all that is going on these days with the COVID-19 Pandemic. As we SLOWLY get back to some sense of a new normal, I am asking everyone to remain cautious and continue to be safe. I know we want to get back to our busy ways and back to work however we remain patient. It has been a tough time and we continue our prayers for those who have lost love ones and friends and for those who are recovering from COVID-19.

As we move forward, I would like to share some information with you and ask you to share as appropriate:

ANNUAL CONFERENCE: As you all should know by now our Annual Conference has been cancelled for this Year. We plan to schedule the 2021 Conference soon.

HEADQUARTERS ZOOM SESSIONS hosted by the NCOA Headquarters: We plan to start Zoom virtual meetings with our members starting in the month of June. This includes our Auxiliary members. Topics will follow with invitation.

For now, "Save the Dates" THURSDAYS 1900/7 PM CST:

- Zoom #1 - 4 June
- Zoom #2 - 11 June
- Zoom #3 - 18 June
- Zoom #4 - 25 June

MASKS: Please consider this opportunity to purchase individual Masks. US Wings, a Veteran-owned company, will donate 15% back to NCOA with each order. **The Code to mention in the comment section when ordering is NCOA15 and details are on the link.**

<https://www.uswings.com/product/washable-protective-masks-ncoa/> . Help us get the word out!

BENEFITS: We have been working on some new Benefits and Resources for our Members and ask you to let us know if there are any you may have an interest in us checking out.

MEMBERSHIP: As you can imagine our renewal and New Membership sign ups have decreased the past couple of months. We truly understand now isn't a good time to press on renewals or New Members however, once things get back to some version of normal, we will be encouraging everyone to help us get back to our "Each One Reach membership drive campaign.

Lastly, please continue to be safe and take care of yourself and your family. Reach out, if possible, to assist those around you who may be in need. There is a light at the end of this tunnel, and I know we will come out on the other end many times stronger than before. I know we can if we focus on our motto "Strength in Unity".

"Strength In Unity"

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Terry". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Joseph Terry
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